Villages without schools

1369. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted to identify the villages without schools;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the way Government intend to address this issue and by when Government intend to conduct a survey;

(d) whether Government propose to establish at least one school in each village of the country;

(e) if so, whether any target has been fixed in this regard and any fund earmarked for the purpose; and

(f) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT) conduct surveys from time to time regarding school education and compiles data/ statistics for use by various stake holders. As per the provisional report of the 7th All India School Education Survey (AISES) conducted by NCERT with reference date 30.9.2002, 3.74% of villages have neither primary nor upper primary schooling facilities.

(d) to (f) The norms for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) provide for a primary school within one kilometer of every habitation. Upper primary schools are allowed as per requirement, based on the number of children completing primary education, up to a ceiling of one upper primary school/section for every two primary schools. 1,57,967 new schools have been sanctioned up to 2005-06 under SSA. During 2006-07, 64,418 new schools have been sanctioned so far.

Assistance to voluntary organisations under SSA

†1370. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.